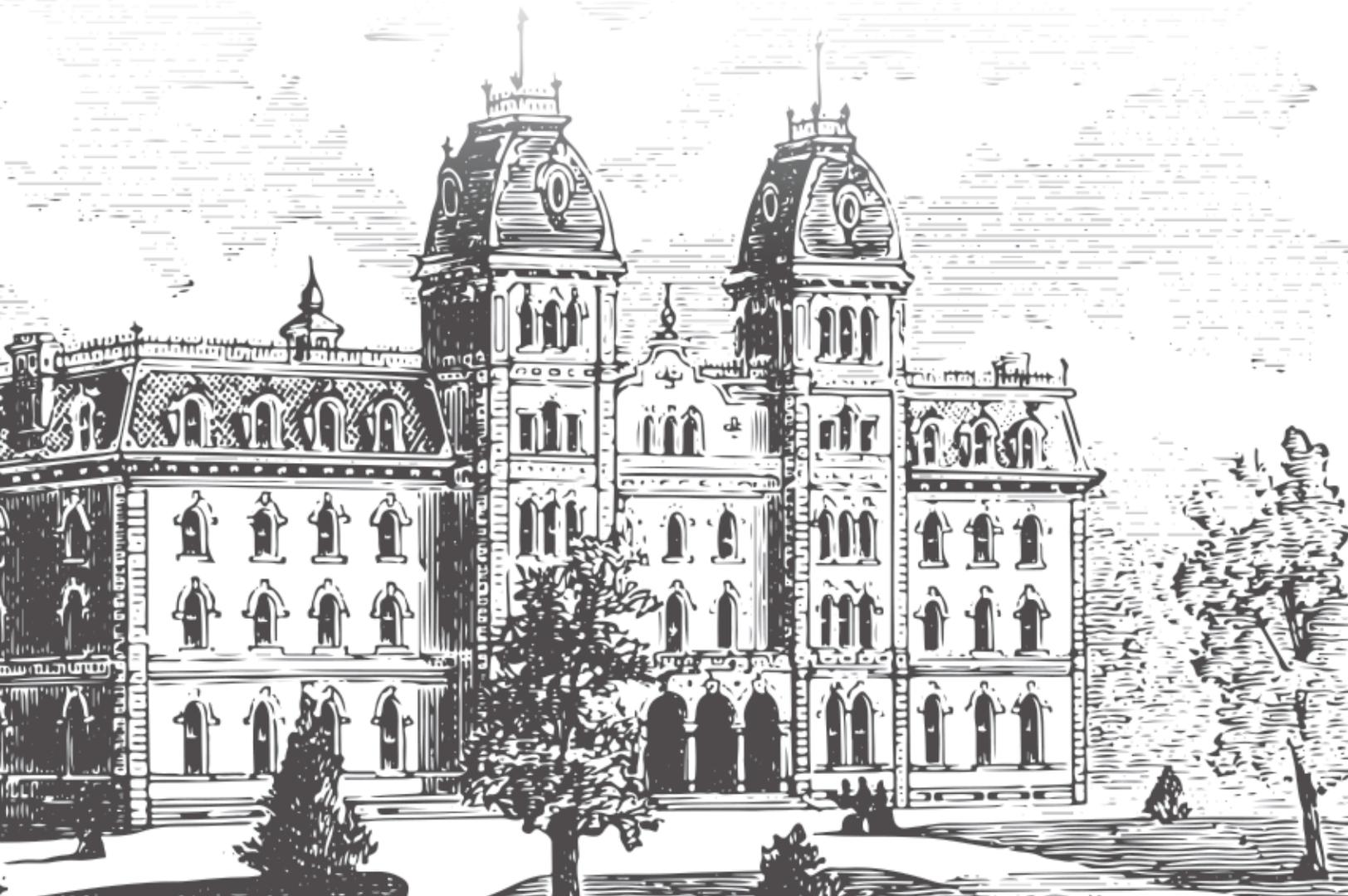

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ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

PRELUDE Washington Ceremonial Brass

PROCESSIONAL
Scotland the Brave Unknown
Heather Orstein, bagpiper

Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke
Coronation March - Giacomo Meyerbeer
Allegro Maestoso from "Water Music" G.F. Handel
Washington Ceremonial Brass

Student Flag Carriers Jameson Campbell '22, Jason Gregovits '22,
Henry Litman '22, Johnny Nixon '22,
Tony Tamilya '23

Please rise and remain standing through *America, The Beautiful*.

INVOCATION Pastor Kelley Schanely
First United Methodist Church of Washington

America, The Beautiful
The audience will be led in singing by:
Katharine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward
Kaitlyn Ewing '21, Nadia Khusro '21,
Victoria McKeehan '21, Julie Shannon '21,
Samantha Welshons '21
Accompanied by Susan A. Medley, DMA
Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities

Lyrics:
*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.*

GREETINGS TO THE CLASS OF 2021 John C. Knapp, Ph.D.
President and Professor, Washington & Jefferson College

SENIOR ADDRESS Lena DiFulvio '21

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR AWARDS TO FACULTY AND STAFF Eva Chatterjee-Sutton
Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students

Michael Lewis, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English Presented by Molly Kilbourne '21

Mark and Michael Lesako
Co-Head Athletic Trainers Presented by Alexandria Seto '21

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Jr.
Keynote Speaker *President Emeritus of Morehouse College*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Jr., Doctor of Divinity Presented by Jacqueline M. Bauer, Esq. '85

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE Jeffrey A. Frick, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of the College

CONCLUDING REMARKS John C. Knapp, Ph.D.

Please rise and remain standing through the Benediction.

THE ALMA MATER H.S. Thompson
The audience will be led in singing by: Kaitlyn Ewing '21, Nadia Khusro '21,
Victoria McKeehan '21, Julie Shannon '21,
Samantha Welshons '21
Accompanied by Susan A. Medley, DMA

Lyrics:
Where the hills of Pennsylvania (Chorus) *Ring her praises, never ceasing,*
Greet the western lea *We shall ever say,*
Stands our dear old Alma Mater, "Thee we honor, Alma Mater,
Throned in majesty *Honor W&J."*

BENEDICTION Pastor Kelley Schanely

RECESSIONAL Washington Ceremonial Brass
Ceremonial Music Paul W. Whear
Ode to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven

POSTLUDE Washington Ceremonial Brass
Hymn to Washington & Jefferson Kyle Simpson
Early American Folk Songs Arr. Edward Solomon

WASHINGTON CEREMONIAL BRASS

JD Chaisson, trumpet
Kyle Simpson, trumpet

Michael Scheimer, horn

Bradley Schmidt, trombone
Pierce Cook, tuba

Sign language services provided by the Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.

Please turn off all cell phones during the service.

A map of important campus locations is located on the back page of the program.

We ask that you refrain from approaching the stage to take photos. A professional photographer will take photos of our graduates as they receive their diploma which will later be made available to purchase. Thank you.

DR. ROBERT MICHAEL FRANKLIN, JR.

Doctor of Divinity

Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Jr., President Emeritus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., served as President of Morehouse from 2007 to 2012 and is currently a Senior Advisor to the President of Emory University. He also is the James T. and Berta R. Laney Professor in Moral Leadership at Emory. Previously, he was the director of the interfaith religion department at Chautauqua Institution (2013-2017) and a visiting scholar at Stanford University (2013). He is also a presidential fellow for the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership at Morehouse College.

Franklin was the Presidential Distinguished Professor of Social Ethics at Emory University (2004-2007), where he provided leadership for a university-wide initiative titled "Confronting the Human Condition and the Human Experience" and was a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at the law school. He provides commentary for the National Public Radio (NPR) program, "All Things Considered," and weekly commentary for Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting Television.

An insightful educator, Franklin has served on the faculties of the University of Chicago, Harvard Divinity School, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he gained a national reputation as director of Black Church Studies. He also has served as program officer in Human Rights and Social Justice at the Ford Foundation, and as an adviser to the foundation's president on future funding for religion and public life initiatives. Franklin also was invited by American film producer Jeffrey Katzenberg to prepare an online study guide for the congregational use of *The Prince of Egypt*, a DreamWorks film (1999). Franklin also served as an advisor to the History Channel's presentation titled, "The Bible" (2013).

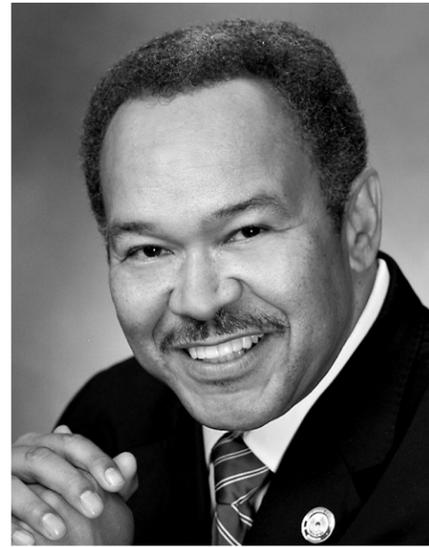
In 1997, Franklin assumed the presidency of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), the graduate theological seminary of the Atlanta University Center consortium, and served until 2002. He served as Theologian in Residence for the 2005 season at the historic Chautauqua Institution.

Franklin is the author of four books: *Moral Leadership: Integrity, Courage, Imagination* (2020); *Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities* (2007); *Another Day's Journey: Black Churches Confronting the American Crisis* (1997); and *Liberating Visions: Human Fulfillment and Social Justice in African American Thought* (1990). He has co-authored (Don S. Browning, et. al.) a volume titled, *From Culture Wars to Common Ground: Religion and the American Family Debate* (2001). He also penned the foreword to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, reprinted by Trinity Forum in 2012.

Franklin worked with three U.S. Presidents on various initiatives (President Clinton's "One America" Initiative; President Bush's "Faith Based Advisory Committee"); and President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" Initiative. Active in a range of organizations, Franklin serves on the boards of the Salvation Army, the CNN Dialogues Advisory Committee, and NASA's 100-year Starship Project Advisory Board directed by former astronaut, Dr. Mae Jemison. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Kappa Boule). He is a member of the Atlanta Falcons Advisory Board; Atlanta Rotary Club; 100 Black Men of Atlanta; the 1999 class of Leadership Atlanta; the Leadership and Sustainability Institute Working Group (of the Open Society Foundation); and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He has previously served on the boards of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE); the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (Executive Committee); the White House HBCU Capital Financing Advisory Board; the Atlanta Business League; and the Atlanta Mayoral Board of Service. Previously, he served on the boards of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Public Broadcasting of Atlanta, and Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting. In 2000, Mayor Bill Campbell appointed him co-chair of Atlanta 2000, the city's official coordinating committee for Y2K activities and celebrations.

He is the recipient of a Ford Foundation grant to examine religion in public life in Asia and produced NPR commentaries based on this research. He has also served as a consultant for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's work on alleviating poverty and strengthening fragile families.

Franklin graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Morehouse in 1975 with a degree in political science and religion, and earned an M.Div. at Harvard Divinity School (1978). He was a 1973 English Speaking Union Scholar at the University of Durham, UK, and earned a doctorate in ethics and society, and religion and the social sciences from the University of Chicago in 1985. He is the recipient of honorary degrees from Bethune-Cookman University, Ursinus College, Bates College, University of New England, Centre College, Hampden Sydney College and Swarthmore College.



RECIPIENTS OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Adam Thomas Deitrick

Emily Catherine Williams

RECIPIENTS OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Garrett D. Barilar

The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Prize in Economics, Phi Beta Kappa

Dylan Thomas Bertovich

The Adlai E. Michaels Prize, Nicholas C. and Josephine C. Tucci Memorial Prize in Chemistry, Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics, Phi Beta Kappa

Erik William Blasic

Valedictorian, Henry Willson Temple Prize in History, The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Scholarship Award, Gordon E. Swartz History Fellowship, The Maria Leonard Senior Book Award, Phi Beta Kappa

Caitlyn M. Brenner

Magellan Project: Walker Award, The Jesse W. Lazear Prize in Chemistry, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

Kennedii J-An Brock

Valedictorian, Magellan Project: Geary Award, The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award, Magellan Project: Walker Award, The Maria Leonard Senior Book Award, Scholar in International Studies, The A. Richard Oliver Prize in French, Phi Beta Kappa

Sethin Michael Alan Burrier

Phi Beta Kappa

Lena E. DiFulvio

Magellan Project: Walker Award, The A. Richard Oliver Prize in French, The Dr. Mariano Garcia '39 Award in Mathematics

Noah M. Hoffman

Dr. Delia Lagar and George Jaques Böhm Endowed Prize, The Edwin Scott Linton Prize in Biology, Phi Beta Kappa

Alexas Loren Iams

The Dr. Mariano Garcia '39 Award in Mathematics, The Clyde Shepherd Atchison Prize

Hannah M. Johnston

The Dr. Mariano Garcia '39 Award in Mathematics, The Paul L. Reardon Award, The Clyde Shepherd Atchison Prize, Phi Beta Kappa

Nadia Hazel Khusro

Salutatorian, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award, The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award, The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize in Languages, The Daniel Latchney Prize in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Phi Beta Kappa

Sydney Leigh Kightlinger

Gilbert Award in Old English Literature, Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award, Magellan Project: Walker Award, The Robert L. '40 and Connie Ceisler Pre-Law English Award, The William Holmes McGuffey Prize in English, Henry Willson Temple Prize in History, Phi Beta Kappa

Samantha Jo Kramer

Salutatorian, The Walter S. Sanderlin Prize in History, Phi Beta Kappa

Parker Cole Laughlin

Magellan Project: Geary Award, Matthew Brown Fellowship, Phi Beta Kappa

Donovan Luersen

The Nicholas C. and Josephine C. Tucci Memorial Scholarship Prize in Music, Phi Beta Kappa

Elizabeth Lynn Mack

David and Kristin Steinberg Scholarship in Computing and Information Studies, Phi Beta Kappa

Nicole L. Maniaci

Rose Elizabeth Markle

Magellan Project: Walker Award, The John Livingston Lowes Prize in English, The James W. Gargano Memorial Award

James Mastran
Phi Beta Kappa

Jarret McCracken
Robert Lloyd Mitchell Prize in Ancient Greek Philosophy, Edward Moffat Weyer Prize in Philosophy

Caitlin Michelle Mounts
The Michael P. Rettger Memorial Academic Award, The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award

Cassandra Lynn Muhr
Scholar in Communication Arts, Scholar in Music, The Frank Family Prize for Leadership in the Communication Arts, Phi Beta Kappa

Miala L. Palaima
Phi Beta Kappa

Benjamin Brendan Peticca
Valedictorian, Scholar in Biochemistry, Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics, Phi Beta Kappa

Matthew Francis Prezioso
The George Winchester Prize in Physics, Phi Beta Kappa

McKayla Rose Rollison
The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in Economics, The Benjamin Franklin Prize

Jerrick A. Rydbom
The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Scholarship Award, Dr. Emory A. Rittenhouse II Prize in Biology, The Trelka Prize for Original Research in the Life Sciences, Phi Beta Kappa

Stephen J. Rydzak
Valedictorian, The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in Economics, The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Prize in Economics, The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Award for Leadership, Phi Beta Kappa

Sarah Sieber
Phi Beta Kappa

Samantha Lee Tipton
The Mr. Thomas V. Fritz Memorial Prize, The James Clyde McGregor Prize in Political Science

Brendan Patrick Troesch
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Brandon A. Warne
The William G. and Belle M. Marshall Prize in Economics

Leslie Peace Watkins
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Jena Rose Wybranowski
Scholar in Psychology

Benjamin Clydesdale Heim
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Lucy Nicole Hutchinson
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Rena Marissa Israel
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Emilee Theresa Jackson
J. Robert Maxwell '43 Student Internship

Kaitlyn Rose Janos
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Walker Award

Frank Matthew Kelley

Katherine Renee Kennel
Matthew Brown Fellowship

Molly E. Kilbourne
The Emily Auld Memorial Prize in English

Olivia Grace Kretchman

Sammy Ann Massimino
The James Gillespie Blaine Prize in Political Science

Victoria N. McKeehan
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project: Walker Award, Dudley R. Johnson Prize in Theatre Arts, Scholar in International Studies, J. Robert Maxwell '43 Student Internship

Fontana Maria Micucci
Magellan Project: Walker Award, Samuel Jones Classical Prize

Haley Colleen Nelson
The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Scholarship Award, The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Award for Leadership

Reilly Oliverio
The Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Prize in Economics

Saipriya C. Potluri

Anmol Raien

Andrew David Rockovich
Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics, The Patterson, Atchison, Shaub, Dorwart and Thomas Mathematics Award

Fransia E. Rodriguez
Scholar in Communication Arts, The Irene Kennedy Williams Endowed Prize

Julia Catherine Schaffer
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Hannah Tallerico

Mallory Malone Weiss
The William M. and Sandra Stout Endowed Prize Fund in Education

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Gilbert Award in Old English Literature

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Silver Cord

Maria Gabriella Albert

Kyrie Bernardi
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Brianna Rose Billingsley
Josephine Markley Prize in Physics, The Vira I. Heinz Study Travel Award, Samuel Jones Prize in Chemistry and Physics, The Patterson, Atchison, Shaub, Dorwart and Thomas Mathematics Award

Marilyn Breann Burkhardt
Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award, The Irene Kennedy Williams Endowed Prize

Jocelynn R. DePaul
The Richard R. Martin Prize in Psychology

Thomas Joseph Dinnin

BlairAnn Noel Dressler

Olivia R. Durkin
Scholar in Conflict and Resolution Studies, Matthew Brown Ringland Prize in Social Sciences, W. Edward Sell Distinguished Service Award

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Storm B. Figura

Anthony Patrick Frost

Caitlin Ann Guthrie
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Blake Ann Aber
Scholar in Art

Rebekah Elizabeth Keller Ackerman

Nadia C. Ahmed
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Caroline A. Baumgart

Sofiya Alexandrovna Bobrovnikova
The Donald W. Ebbert Award

Carl Thorsten Carlson

Abigail Bren Collavo
Magellan Project: Geary Award

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Anthony Vincent Columbus
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Sydney Nicole Croft
Matthew Brown Ringland Prize in Social Sciences

Alexandria Scott Daum

Nicholas Adam Drake

Selena C. Easley
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Prize in Environmental Studies, Dr. Delia Lagar and George Jaques Böhm Endowed Prize

Tabitha J. Engle-Young

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Ewing
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Lexey Ann Finney

Benjamin Richard Fisher

Amanda Marie Fitzpatrick
The Vira I. Heinz Study Travel Award

Courtney H. Fogle
The Robert Harbison Bible Prize

Tyler Francis

Spencer Dalton Gillispie

Meghan Marie Gonzalez

Robert Heberle

Jared Aaron Heller
Magellan Project: Walker Award, The David K. Scarborough Leadership Award, Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

Colleen Kelley

Megan Lynn Kendra
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Cassandra Agnes Kokal
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Kellie Mae Lesniak

Kiera E. MacWhinnie
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Brianna Nicole McGowan
Magellan Project: Geary Award, Merck Scholar

Adam Joseph Moore

Kiera Patrice O'Neil

Sydney Lea Marie Papinchak
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Adriana Rodriguez-Ruiz
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Vince Patrick Rose

Casey M. Ruppen

Marcy Saldivar
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Shannon Margaret Salley

Alexandria Paige Seto

Brendan H. Tribeck

Chase A. Weiland
Prize in Environmental Studies

Maya Nicole Wells

Samantha Michaela Welshons
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Kara Ashley Wozniak

Ashkan Yazdanshenas
J. Robert Maxwell '43 Student Internship

Caitlynn Allysia Becker
Derek Allan Bedillion
Carmine Samuel Bellini
Ashton Jones Blue
Jacob Kevin Boehme
Joseph J. Bolick
Brooke Marta Bova
Magellan Project: Walker Award

David Boyer
Patrick Charles Brunner
Kali Anne Bunecicky
Kyla Burkey
Nicholas Campalong
Xander Michael Cavanagh
Dominique Robert Lakim Cheeks

Collin Joseph Christensen
Timothy D. Christopher
Katherine A. Conner
Thomas Stephen Davidson
Darci Elizabeth Debos

Brittany Kay Dengler
Edward Lee DiBenedetto
Jennifer Marie Dietrich
Abigail Faith Dodson

Ian J. Donlon
Sean Andrew Doran
Kathryn Leigh Dowling-Campbell
Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

Jacob Daniel Duda
Augustine Y.D. Dugan
Reghan Dunn
Brooke Alexandra Evans

Gabrielle N. Feldman
Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student International Travel Award, Matthew Brown Fellowship, J. Robert Maxwell '43 Student Internship

Jacob Pike Fetterman
Emily Susan Figliolia
Easton P. Fine
Sydney Grace Fischer
Magellan Project: Walker Award

Daniel Christian Florentino
Jessica T. Freeman
Mauricio Garibay
John Wyatt Geary
Lauren Sumner Gilbert
Michael Anthony Graziani

Jibri Grigger-Muse
Nicholas Thomas Grosch
Antoine Hachem
The Steve Zanolli '43 Memorial Scholarship Award

Declan J. Haggerty
Dejah N. Hall
Christopher Antonio Hayes
Brenden Patrick Head

John Sherman Henry
Jordan Elizabeth Henry
Magellan Project: Geary Award

Erin S. Herock
Magellan Project: Walker Award, Prize in Environmental Studies

Cathryn Halie Hess
The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Scholarship Award, Legacy of Leadership Award

Cierra Elizabeth Hilliary
Joshua Michael Hnat
Nathan David Hormell
Nicholas Richard Hrivnak

John P. Hummel
Marlie Lucy Jean
Kenneth Isaac Jimenez
Magellan Project: Geary Award

Marcos Alexander Juliano
Kelsey Marie Julien
Jamie Rae Kelley
Max Edwin Kimmell

Nicholas D. Knaus
Grace Elizabeth Kovalan
Nicholas Robert Krugh
Maria C. Lawhorne

Cameron A. LeClaire
Jason LePage
Anna Claire Levy
Ruoyu Liu

Russell Jacob Livingston
Gabriel Scott Ludwig
Magellan Project: Geary Award

Thomas Brennan Mahoney
Magellan Project: Geary Award
Bavneet Makkar
Nicholas Alexander Maknoon

Brandon James Marcucci
Carly M. Martin
Alondra A. Martinez Osorno
Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

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Kwinton Aaron Adams
Saif Al Remeithi
The Charles P. Eaton Prize for Entrepreneurial Studies
Grant Andrew Allison
Connor B. Anderson

Daniel Truman Androsik
John Adabie Appiah
Matthew J. Babbit
Daniel William Baumgart
Gretchen Elizabeth Beatty

Nikolas Eric Mathias-Collins

*The Frank Family Prize for Leadership in the
Communication Arts*

Brooke N. McCleester

Trevor Louis Meal

Dylana Rose Mercer

Tamia C. Mickens

Kiley Starr Miller

*Matthew Brown Fellowship, Magellan Project: Franklin
Internship Award, The Robert Harbison Bible Prize*

Ty Shane Mitchell

Adam Michael Morris

Ethan Moy

Amanda M. Naser

Hunter Ryan Neely

Dawton Christopher Nelson

*Mazingira Award, Magellan Project: Geary Award,
Magellan Project: Walker Award*

Ashley Rae Oddi

Chukwunonso Leo Ofili

Ashley Michelle Overton

Maitri S. Patel

Megan Laurel Perry

Merck Scholar

Erin Cadigan Peters

Zachary Roman Queen

Grace A. Rangel

Alexander Hallam Reede

Skyler John Rideout

Alexa Rocco Wilner

Christian James Rohrer

The Alfred Henry Sweet Prize in History

Nicholas Andrew Roshetko

Seth Giovanni Rupert

Wengly Saintlouis

The Mr. Thomas V. Fritz Memorial Prize

Shawn P. Samuels

Annika Katherina Sasse

Jordan Schinkovec

Jessica Lynn Scott

Cameron Seemann

Willow Katherine Shankle

Julie Ann Shannon

*Magellan Project: Geary Award, Magellan Project:
Walker Award*

Amanda J. Startare

Taylor Lynn Stevens

Morgan Stewart

Liam Comerford Sullivan

Jacob Daniel Swartz

Mary Kathryn Tarczynski

Zachary William Taylor

Amanda Maureen Tybl

Kaylee Vanbibber

Anna Domenica Venturini

Graycen Dawn Vitale

Paige C. Walbert

Nathaniel Zihua Wang

*The Rule, Hughes, Murphy Scholarship Award,
The Paul L. Reardon Award*

Marissa Gean Whitby

Collin Mason Winters

Andrew Martin Wolf

Yihang Yang

Elisa Yazdani

Magellan Project: Franklin Internship Award

Lindsey Mae Zimmerman

*Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Student
International Travel Award*

Michael Zito

The Donald W. Ebbert Award

SENIOR HONORS PROJECTS 2021

JERRIK RYDBOM '21, Neuroscience

Title of Project: Tau-Mediated Changes to Gut Microbiome Composition and Immune Activation

Honors Project Director: Kelly Lohr, Ph.D.

JULIA SCHAFFER '21, Neuroscience

Title of Project: “Long-Term Neurobehavioral Impairments and Plasma Cytokine Levels Following He Ion Exposure in Long Evans Rats”

Honors Project Directors: Candy DeBerry, Ph.D., and Ronald Bayline, Ph.D.

LESLIE P. WATKINS '21, Biology

Title of Project: “Gastrointestinal Pathology and Neuroinflammation in Parkinson’s Disease”

Honors Project Director: Anupama Shanmuganathan, Ph.D.

ABOUT THE HONORS PROJECT

The Academic Status Committee, with the assistance of the Office of Academic Affairs, oversees the College’s program for graduation with honors in an area of study. To achieve honors, a student must display academic excellence beyond the classroom by successfully completing a substantial research or creative project, beyond regular classwork, in any area of study offered by the College. A project worthy of honors is well researched, well crafted and makes an identifiable contribution to its field of study. In addition, the student should be able to communicate, by written and oral means, the details, rationale and value of the project to specialists and nonspecialists alike. To qualify for honors, students should have an overall grade point average of 3.20 or above. When the honors project is complete, usually by the middle of the spring term, the student’s work will be judged by faculty in the area of study; the student’s effectiveness of communication to a college-wide audience will be judged by faculty both inside and outside the area of study. Successful completion of these requirements will earn the student honors, to be awarded by the College in the student’s area of study.

The Commencement Program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of degree recipients. Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded only to candidates who successfully complete all requirements by established deadlines.

A NOTE ON ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic costume worn at American college exercises dates back to the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools in the Middle Ages, when both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, largely borrowed from the monastic dress of the time, worn not only for special occasions but also for daily dress.

The head covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy to protect their tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet and tassel are still worn by graduates of European universities, but at American universities, the bonnet has been replaced with a mortarboard.

The hood (the medieval *caputium*) was originally a covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first, the hood was worn by faculty and students alike, but in the early sixteenth century it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree holder. Today, each college uses distinctive colors in the hood linings to distinguish their graduates in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval *roba* and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the Middle Ages, undergraduate and graduate students could be distinguished by the elaborate nature of their gowns, and this practice continues today. The doctoral gown has three furred strips (called chevrons) on each sleeve, the master's gown generally has open sleeves and the bachelor's gown is plain.

The velvet lining of most hoods is colored according to academic degree, with the Ph.D. (regardless of field of study) traditionally represented by dark blue. The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown and the velvet bars on the sleeves are traditionally either black or the color appropriate to the academic degree (with Ph.D. signified by dark blue). The colors for other academic degrees are as follows:

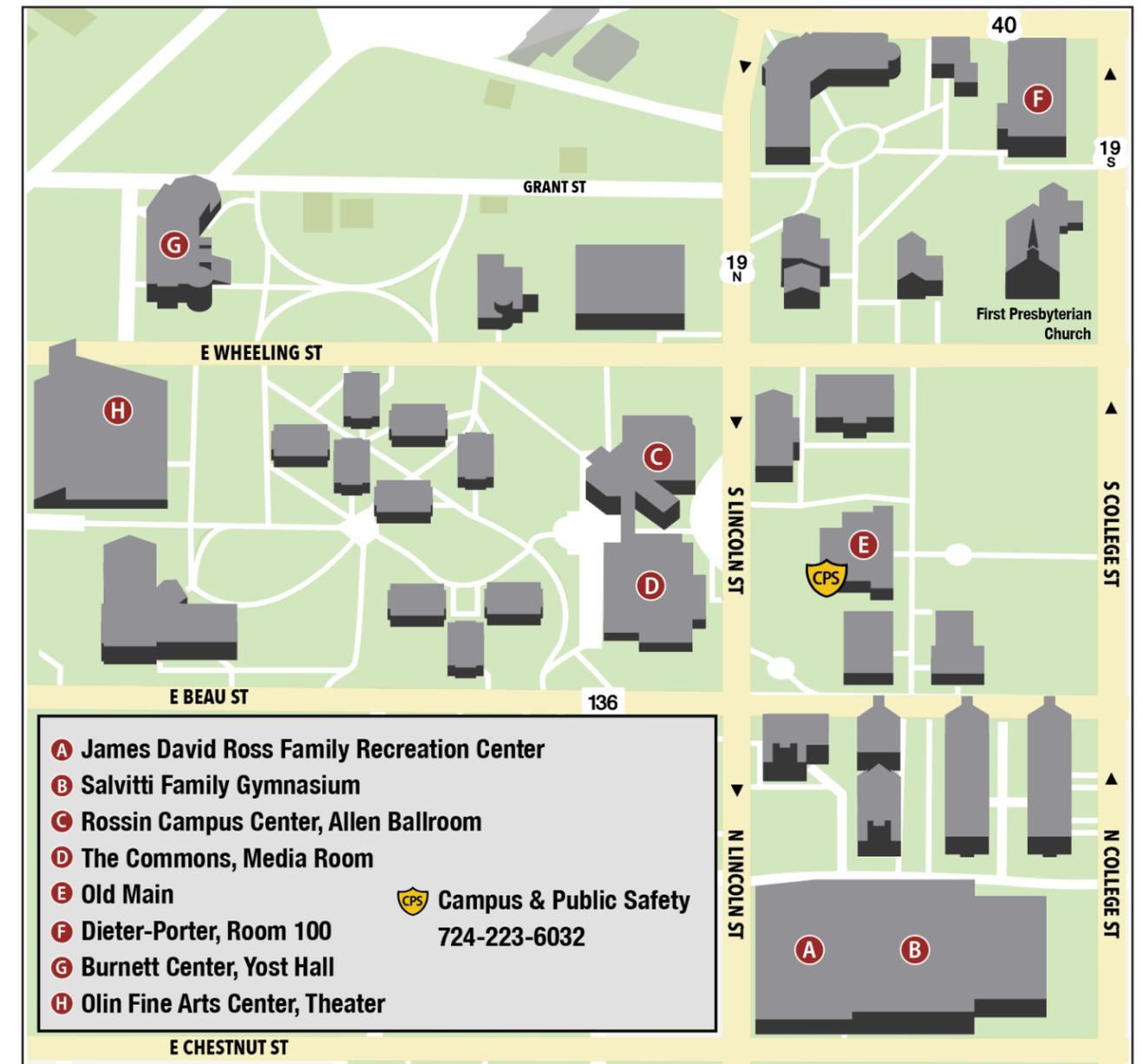
Arts, Letters and Humanities – White	Medicine – Green
Accounting – Drab	Music – Pink
Business Administration – Olive	Nursing – Apricot
Economics – Copper	Philosophy – Dark blue
Education – Light blue	Physical Education – Sage green
Fine Arts and Architecture – Brown	Public Health – Salmon pink
Law – Purple	Science – Gold yellow
Library Science – Lemon	Theology – Scarlet

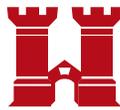
The cords worn by students reflect a variety of academic and community achievements.

The flags flying throughout the ceremony represent the home states and countries of the members of the Class of 2021.

MAP OF FACILITIES

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